

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 720 - HB 808

March 2, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands the video interviews of a child describing sexual contact that are admissible as evidence to include those in which the forensic interviewer works for a child advocacy center that (1) is a for-profit child advocacy center and nationally accredited, or (2) employs an executive director that does not answer to the child advocacy center's board of directors but is supervised by an elected official.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, the forensic interviewer has to be employed by a child advocacy center as defined by Tenn. Code Ann. §9-4-213 regarding centers that receive state funds. Expanding the forensic interviewers whose videos will be admissible will not affect the number of cases each year.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts confirms that the bill will not significantly impact the courts' caseload.
- The Department of Children's Services confirms that the bill will not significantly impact its operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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